



Sunday, August 7, 2022 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week Video

Adrienne Barr

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the Church isn't defined by Pastors and staff alone. It comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us. Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the Church – because you are!

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 119:1-5)

Rev. Allen

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart.

Happy are we when we leave everything behind and follow Christ.

O that our ways may be steadfast in keeping Your commandments, O Lord.

Holy Spirit, gather us together and prepare our hearts for worship.

Lord, we worship You with joyful hearts.

Opening Prayer

Holy Lord, Creator God, Your words and ways are:

perfect, sure, right and clear.

Jesus Christ, our only Savior, Your words and ways are:

pure, true, and righteous — every one.

Their value,

beyond price.

Their goodness,
beyond delight.

Their counsel,
an enduring blessing.

Holy Spirit, sustainer and transformer, we ask this morning that You would fill our hearts with Your love and goodness.

Place in me a longing to desire Your Word, to embody Your Truth, to become Your disciple.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, **amen.**

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

He is Exalted

Fill My Cup

Call to Confession

Rev. Allen

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Allen

We have been bought with a great price, yet we sin against You by choosing our ways over Your ways. You invite us into dynamic discipleship; but we are, at times, timid, weak-minded, and hard hearted in our response to follow You. Forgive us, O God, and may our hearts be revived, may our minds be renewed, and may our wills be conformed to Yours, through the work of Your transforming Spirit in our lives. Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess to You the sin of our own hearts in silence ...

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news! “Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us” (*Rom. 8:34*). Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah, amen!

Greeting

Offertory

Rev. Allen

*THANK YOU for your faithfulness and for remembering the church with your summer giving. Our ministry continues year round and your offerings allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Take advantage of a simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or [donate from your phone via the Church Center app](#). Send offerings by mail to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057**. For gifts of stock please call the church office.*

Song of Praise

Worship Team

From the Inside Out

Sermon

Rev. Allen

The Choice is Yours

Scripture Text: [Esther 4:1-17 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

Communion

Rev. Allen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Worship Team

Jesus, We Love You

Benediction and Going Forth

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis & Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Carol Morgan and Carol Benner
Usher:	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Check-in:	Jenna Cole
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A deacon volunteer is available to assist. *Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.*

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.

Prayer on the Porch: *2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM* - Join the Prayer Committee for a time of prayer and fellowship on the Van Camp Porch (Aug. 10, 24).

Fire Pit Fridays: Come out for a night of fellowship around the fire pit! All ages are welcome. Marshmallows will be provided. We have some seating around the fire pit, but you may wish to bring your lawn chair. This event will take place weekly, weather permitting. No registration is required - just show up. Contact Cheryl Gaskill with questions (856-904-3056).

[Fresh Air Home](#) (North Wildwood), *Wed., Aug. 17 at 9:00 a.m.*: Volunteer for a day at the beach with our mission partner! Youth 14+ are welcome (earn service hours). Sign up online or contact Milt McFalls.

Registration is OPEN for the [Fall Prayer Retreat](#) at Holy Cross Monastery, October 18-21. Pastor Spencer leads a study of spiritual practices from [“Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another”](#) by [Rowan Williams](#). Printed forms also available. Cost: \$305 including study book; \$290 if purchasing the book on your own. Registration and fees are **due by Sept. 11**.

[CREDO: Parents’ Information meeting](#) – Sunday, **September 18, 12:15 p.m. in the Hayes Room (hybrid)**.

[Couples’ Book Group](#) - 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays (9/21-11/9): Wes & Jennifer Allen lead this hybrid 8-week study on Terrence Real's book, [Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship](#). You can order a copy of the book on Amazon or any other online retailer.

FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (*See Prayer page on website for links*)

- **Mondays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading - Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
- **Tuesdays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- **Wednesdays 7:00 PM** (2nd & 4th in July & August) - Prayer on the Porch
- **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 AM** (Zoom) – Pray for our church, nation, and the world. For link, please contact Sue Piper (storybooksue@comcast.net).
- **Thursdays 12:30-1:00 PM** (Zoom) – Pray for discipleship and disciple-making at FPCM.
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Live stream Prayer Service (*praying for our church and discipleship*)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** (summer) – After Traditional worship, Beadles available to pray with or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential **online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoores town.org/prayer>
- **Fall & Spring Prayer Retreats** to unplug and savor time away in meditation.
- **Prayer Vigils** - sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer, etc.